

1 **CITY OF NORTH BEND PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

2 Thursday, October 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM

3 City Hall Conference Room,

4 211 Main Avenue North, North Bend, WA 98045

5 *Please Note: A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City of North Bend website,*
6 www.northbendwa.gov, *under Commissions - Planning Commission - Meeting Audio.*

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8 **CALL TO ORDER**

9 The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

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11 **ROLL CALL**

12 Planning Commissioners present: Bruce Bjorklund, Brenden Elwood, Gary Fancher, Scott Lee, Jim Luckey, and
13 Rob McFarland (Chair). Commissioner Muoio had notified staff that she would be unable to attend, and has been
14 excused from the meeting. City Staff present: Mike McCarty, Senior Planner.

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16 **AGENDA ITEM #2: MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2012 PLANNING**
17 **COMMISSION MEETING**

18 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 27, 2012 Planning
19 Commission Meeting. Commissioner Luckey motioned to approve the Minutes; Commissioner Fancher seconded
20 the Motion. There were no comments or corrections to the Minutes offered. The Minutes were Approved, 6:0.

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22 **AGENDA ITEM #3: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS (LIMITED TO 3**
23 **MINUTES PER PERSON)**

24 Chair McFarland did not ask for comments on non-agenda items, but went immediately went to the Public
25 Hearing.

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27 **AGENDA ITEM #4: PUBLIC HEARING – DRAFT ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY**
28 **ELEMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

29 Chair McFarland reviewed the rules for Public Hearings. Chair McFarland said he would allow 10 minutes for
30 each person's comment.

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32 Mike McCarty made a brief introduction of the Energy & Sustainability Element.

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34 Chair McFarland opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 PM.

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36 Larry Costello, 13050 – 470th Ave. SE, North Bend, WA 98045, spoke to the Commissioners and city staff. Mr.
37 Costello made comment on the city's notification process, and asked for the Planning Commission's
38 consideration in extending the time for citizen comments by another week. Mr. Costello then made specific
39 comments on the Energy & Sustainability Element. (Note: the audio of Mr. Costello's full comments are
40 available on the audio recording of this Planning Commission meeting.)

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42 Chair McFarland closed the Public Hearing at 7:19 PM as Mr. Costello was the only citizen at tonight's meeting.

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44 **AGENDA ITEM #5: PLANNING COMMISSION DELIBERATION AND POSSIBLE**
45 **RECOMMENDATION ON THE DRAFT ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY ELEMENT**

46 There was discussion between the Planning Commission and Mr. McCarty concerning the Energy &
47 Sustainability Element. Commissioner Luckey suggested deleting the word "state" in Section A: Introduction,
48 second paragraph, last sentence. Mr. McCarty agreed to this suggestion, and there were no objections raised
49 among the rest of the Commission.

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51 There was a discussion of the Brundtland Commission and its definition of sustainability.

Commissioner Lee suggested moving Section A.4 to the Introduction. Mr. McCarty said he would move it to Section A: Introduction, as a new third paragraph.

Commissioner Luckey suggested changing Section B: Sustainability and Property Rights, first paragraph, to read: "Sustainability involves striking a balance between protecting individual interests, with those of the public." There was a discussion of Commissioner Luckey's suggestion. Commissioner Lee suggested changing the sentence to read: "Sustainability involves striking a balance between protecting individual and public interests." Commissioner Luckey and the other Planning Commissioners agreed to Commissioner Lee's suggested edit.

Commissioner Luckey suggested changing Section B, ES Goal 1 to read: "In city operations and in development of policies and regulations, ensure an appropriate balance between *individual property rights and the public interest*." After discussion, there was a consensus to agree with Commissioner Luckey's suggested edit.

Chair McFarland noticed a typographical error on Page 6, Section D, after the word "below" there should be no period.

Commissioner Lee noticed a typographical error on Page 7, Section F, and suggested adding the word "in" to the sentence "The City's role in electricity conservation comes through monitoring and reducing consumption *in* its own operations..."

Commissioner Lee commented about the traffic signals contained in the boxed highlighted section next to Section F.1. Mr. McCarty said he would look for wording to replace that section with a city streetlights example, if one can be found.

Commissioner Luckey asked about the term "complete streets" contained in Section G, second paragraph. Commissioner Luckey suggested changing the wording to include trails. There was a consensus to change the wording in this paragraph to read: "This can be done by providing complete streets (*interconnected streets with sidewalks and bicycle lanes*) and pedestrian pathway networks." There was a consensus to agree to this change in wording.

Commissioner Luckey asked to come back at a future meeting on the topic of buying locally.

Commissioner Elwood suggested adding in ES 9.7 the word 'tablet' after the word 'laptop'. Chair McFarland made the suggestion that the wording should be broader, and to delete the end of this section to have it read: "Consider implementing paperless City Council meetings." There was a consensus to agree to this change in wording.

Commissioner Luckey noticed a typographical error on Page 11, ES 9.1 first paragraph, there is a duplicate comma.

Commissioner Luckey and Chair McFarland spoke about ES 10.5 and ES 10.6 and inserting language about education. Chair McFarland said that 10.6 would be the best place to insert this language. There was discussion of the wording in ES 10.6. The paragraph will now read: "...for resident participation *and education* in recycling and waste diversion...". There was a consensus to agree to this suggested edit.

Commissioner Luckey spoke about Section M. Equity, and suggested changing the wording in the first sentence to read: "Municipal government and land use decisions are made *with guidance from* the public...". There was discussion of this suggested edit. There was a consensus to change the wording of this section by changing it to read: "Municipal government and land use decisions are made *with consideration of input* from the public...".

Chair McFarland spoke about Mr. Costello's comments, and thanked him for taking the time for appearing before the Planning Commission.

1 Commissioner Fancher spoke about Mr. Costello's comments and also thanked him for the time and effort he has
2 made.

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4 Chair McFarland asked for a Motion to Approve the Draft Energy and Sustainability Element of the
5 Comprehensive Plan, as amended at tonight's meeting. Commissioner Elwood so Moved; Commissioner Fancher
6 seconded the Motion. Chair McFarland asked for any further discussion. None was offered. The Motion was
7 Approved, 6:0.

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9 Commissioner Luckey asked Mr. McCarty about future written comments from the public and wanted to know
10 that those comments would make their way to the City Council. Mr. McCarty answered that tonight was the
11 Public Hearing and the forum for receiving those comments, but there certainly is more public process ahead with
12 the Council and they can consider additional input.

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14 Commissioner Luckey said that he had brought up about one year ago that the city used to have a storm siren.
15 Mr. McCarty said that he had brought up the emergency siren topic with Ron Garrow, Director of Public Works,
16 and he has it on his list of items to consider. Commissioner Luckey said that many people do not watch
17 television, or aren't tuned in to North Bend Bend's emergency service radio station, but a siren would get
18 everyone's attention in the case of a local emergency.

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20 There was a discussion of the Council passing the Transportation Element.

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22 **ADJOURNMENT:**

23 Chair McFarland asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Elwood motioned to adjourn the
24 meeting; Commissioner Fancher seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

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26 **NEXT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING:**

27 The next Planning Commission meeting will be held November 8, 2012 at the City Hall Conference Room.

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33 Rob McFarland, Chair

Mike McCarty, City of North Bend